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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Masato SEKINO, et al.

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FOR: METHOD OF PREPARING A CERAMIC ARTIFICIAL CROWN AND A  
PREPARATION KIT USED THEREFOR

Date: May 14, 2001

The Hon. Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the herewith filed  
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 3-11 in their entirety and without  
prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

--16. (New) The method according to claim 1 further  
comprising applying the solid lubricant to the wax pattern by  
applying a suspension comprising the solid lubricant, an organic  
binder and an organic solvent, followed by drying.